

LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 30, 1951

| | P | W | L | D | F | A | P | | P | W | L | D | F | A | P |
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| First Division | | | | | | | | Third Division | | | | | | | |
| Brighton | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 43 | 16 | 18 | Inter. Harvester | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 62 | 14 | 23 |
| Sunshine United | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 41 | 21 | 18 | Royal Caledonians | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 34 | 33 | 16 |
| Prahran | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 46 | 28 | 17 | Moorabbin City | 13 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 30 | 33 | 15 |
| Yallourn | 13 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 30 | 24 | 16 | Coburg | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 29 | 18 | 14 |
| Box Hill | 13 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 35 | 27 | 16 | Williamstown | 13 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 31 | 24 | 12 |
| South Yarra | 13 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 32 | 27 | 13 | White Eagles | 13 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 37 | 25 | 11 |
| Footscray City | 13 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 22 | 39 | 11 | Olympic | 12 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 24 | 42 | 8 |
| Park Rangers | 13 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 26 | 25 | 10 | Woodlands | 13 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 9 | 67 | 3 |
| Sandringham City | 13 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 23 | 39 | 9 | Olympic v. Coburg.—Result not telephoned. | | | | | | | |
| Sunshine City | 13 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 65 | 0 | | | | | | | | |

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| J.U.S.T. | 13 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 57 | 13 | 24 |
| Juventus | 13 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 48 | 15 | 20 |
| Hakoah J.R.C. | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 40 | 21 | 18 |
| Moreland | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 19 | 16 |
| South Melbourne | 12 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 35 | 33 | 12 |
| F.N.D. | 13 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 32 | 38 | 12 |
| Preston | 13 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 23 | 40 | 8 |
| Fifers | 12 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 19 | 36 | 6 |
| George Cross | 12 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 20 | 43 | 5 |
| University | 13 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 20 | 47 | 5 |

First Division Reserves

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|--------------------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| Park Rangers | 13 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 44 | 18 | 20 |
| South Yarra | 13 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 28 | 15 | 18 |
| Brighton | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 36 | 26 | 18 |
| Yallourn | 13 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 39 | 22 | 16 |
| Prahran | 13 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 41 | 30 | 15 |
| Sunshine United | 13 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 35 | 26 | 13 |
| Box Hill | 13 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 28 | 35 | 10 |
| Footscray City | 13 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 19 | 33 | 9 |
| Sandringham City | 13 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 42 | 6 |
| Sunshine City | 13 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 17 | 51 | 5 |
| Second Division Reserves | | | | | | | |
| Moreland | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 35 | 11 | 23 |
| Juventus | 11 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 44 | 8 | 18 |
| Hakoah J.R.C. | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 30 | 10 | 18 |
| J.U.S.T. | 13 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 32 | 19 | 12 |
| F.N.D. | 12 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 29 | 35 | 12 |
| George Cross | 12 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 24 | 26 | 10 |
| University | 13 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 22 | 43 | 10 |
| Preston | 13 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 20 | 19 | 9 |
| Fifers | 13 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 22 | 51 | 8 |
| South Melbourne | 13 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 19 | 55 | 4 |

| | P | W | L | D | F | A | P |
|-------------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| Inter. Harvester | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 62 | 14 | 23 |
| Royal Caledonians | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 34 | 33 | 16 |
| Moorabbin City | 13 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 30 | 33 | 15 |
| Coburg | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 29 | 18 | 14 |
| Williamstown | 13 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 31 | 24 | 12 |
| White Eagles | 13 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 37 | 25 | 11 |
| Olympic | 12 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 24 | 42 | 8 |
| Woodlands | 13 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 9 | 67 | 3 |

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| Polonia | 13 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 63 | 4 | 25 |
| Ulsterville | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 43 | 14 | 19 |
| Slavia | 12 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 41 | 23 | 16 |
| Maccabi | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 37 | 24 | 15 |
| Frankston | 13 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 43 | 32 | 13 |
| Geelong United | 12 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 20 | 45 | 5 |
| Heidelberg | 13 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 10 | 75 | 4 |
| Balwyn United | 12 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 15 | 56 | 1 |

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 30, 1951

Under 19 Division

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|--------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Brighton | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 2 | 14 |
| Preston | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 8 | 12 |
| Sunshine United | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 4 | 10 |
| Juventus | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 11 | 9 |
| South Melb. United | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 8 | 8 |
| Moorabbin City | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 3 |
| Sandringham City | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 3 |
| Yallourn | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 2 |
| Northcote | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 15 | 2 |
| Footscray City | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 2 |
| Hakoah J.R.C. | 7 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 35 | 1 |

Under 15 Division

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Sunshine United | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 4 | 14 |
| Brighton "B" | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 27 | 8 | 14 |
| Brighton "A" | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 39 | 9 | 12 |
| Northcote | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 25 | 13 | 10 |
| South Melb. United | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 3 | 9 |
| Preston | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 14 | 12 | 8 |
| Park Rangers | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 6 |
| Box Hill | 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 32 | 5 |
| Ringwood Boys | 8 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 14 | 23 | 4 |
| Moreland | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 47 | 2 |
| South Yarra | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 31 | 0 |

Under 17 "A" Division

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Brighton | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 25 | 5 | 14 |
| South Yarra | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 18 | 11 | 11 |
| Army Apprentices "A" | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 10 | 7 |
| Sandringham City | 8 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 22 | 18 | 7 |
| Park Rangers | 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 14 | 5 |
| Sunshine United | 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 18 | 5 |
| Sunshine City | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 5 |

Under 14 Division

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Coburg | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 56 |

Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8.



It is impossible not to feel somewhat depressed, if not dejected, at the truly appalling news from Sydney regarding the result of the second Test match against England. We, of course, were inclined to expect the visitors to win, but that they should do so by the margin of 17 goals to nil against the cream of Australia's footballers is a blow. The results may be heavier than at present seems apparent.

Such an overwhelming defeat is likely to destroy interest in the tour, for few people care to watch a one-sided contest. The "gate" at Sydney of only 14,000 was a stupendous drop from 40,000 who witnessed the first Test. Whereas early figures showed that financially the tour was likely to be a great success, now one begins to wonder whether expenses will be cleared. The Englishmen's taste for expensive quarters has put up the cost of the tour considerably, and that and one or two other reasons may cause a rise of as much as £10,000 on the initial estimate of £37,000 for the tour.

Queensland—which the Englishmen visit this week—is not too happy now regarding the gates which may be attracted there. Although a lot of rain had fallen in Sydney, Saturday was a fine day and the weather could not be blamed for the small attendance. Twenty-two tons of mud, however, were removed from the S.G.C. on Saturday morning before the ground was rolled for the game, but the surface was very slippery. The Englishmen showed masterly ability in keeping their feet, but the Australians were up and down all the time. As one Sydneysider put it, "The only time they were on their feet together was when the band played 'God Save the King'."

However, there is one point on which we find ourselves at loggerheads with our northern neighbours. On all occasions, when visiting teams are entertained by Victoria, nothing is too much trouble so far as we are concerned.

In the first place, the comfort of the players—the men who make the game—is our first consideration. Secondly, all officials from other States, and Australian dignitaries are looked after. Accommodation is provided and hire-cars are put at their service at all hours of the day. We will take the lesser case first. Our representative on the Australian Council on every occasion has had to find his own transport in Sydney. He waited an hour once to get into the ground at a test match, to which he had been called to Sydney as an Australian selector. All right, we will forget that. But this we will not forget. New players, Mal Wild, of Queensland, and Ross McKenzie, of Victoria, were not introduced to the rest of the Australian side until a few minutes before the second Test match. At the end of the game, the English team returned to its hotel in the transport, which as visitors to New South Wales it was entitled to expect. Bob Lawrie, of Queensland and Australia's captain for years, and Mal Wild, of the same State, together with Tom Jack, Australia's vice-captain for two years and Ross McKenzie, of Victoria—mere interstate players—were left after a game, in

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The Second Test Match

ENGLAND'S TWO NEW RECORDS

By TOM JACK



Tom Jack
Captain

In the second Test on the Sydney cricket-ground last Saturday, England defeated Australia overwhelmingly by 17-0. In doing so the Englishmen created two more records. This is the greatest number of goals ever scored in international soccer, and Ike Clarke, with three goals in four minutes, gained the second. You must be asking, What happened? Can this be true? I am sorry to say it is stark-naked truth. Australia was outclassed in every possible way by a team which, in the words of Mr. David Wiseman, "would have beaten any other team England could have fielded." The players were really superb, and they made it obvious that the more games they have together the more perfect the machine is going to become.

If it may be any consolation to Australian supporters, I must say that the playing ground conditions favoured England. To the Australians, used to hard, firm grounds, six inches of mud was not to their liking. Again to quote Manager Wiseman, "If we could have brought a ground with us that's the type it would have been."



Duff
(N.S.W.)

Up to this period, Australia had been playing without any system at all. The cover defence was very weak and gaps appeared all over the field.

The second half was almost a case of England scoring at will, and yet, I thought, the Australian team played better. Kemp and Hulme especially were trying hard to penetrate the solid English defence. Broome, who had replaced Langton at outside-left, and was never much in the picture in the first term, stood out on his own in the second half. Parkes had no answer to his speed, football, or positional play, and repeatedly, like the rest of the English forwards, Broome appeared to be unmarked and took full advantage of the openings to score the hat trick himself, and provided opportunities for at least five of the other goals, mostly scored by Sewell.



Drummond
(N.S.W.)

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A Story Is Born By V. J. M. DIXON

Recently we have been treated to some publicity in the Press of a nature which is not beneficial to soccer.

Wild stories of "four car-loads of police" who quelled a riot at one ground appeared in one paper. This was followed in another paper by a "statement" from a "so-called" spokesman of the V.A.S.F.A. (unnamed) that it was time "national" teams were outlawed from Victorian soccer. (This statement has been dealt with by Mr. Beaton in his Secretary's Notes on another page.)

In view of all these ill-considered statements we feel that our readers are entitled to know the facts of the case. With that end in view we publish herewith the official report on the game by Major R. E. Ferrier, who refereed the game which caused all the excitement. When readers have read this report we feel that, like ourselves, they will realise how quickly a "bubble" is blown up, and also, like ourselves, will feel amused at how quickly that same "bubble" can burst when pricked.

The Secretary,

The Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association.

Dear Sir,

Juventus v. Hakoah (2nd Division)

Place and date of match, Royal Park on 23/6/51.

I have to report that I sent off the field, Tessari, of Club Juventus, for fighting. The incident which came under my notice was as follows:—

Thirteen minutes after the interval, an attack on the Juventus goal resulted in Hakoah player Lachman, who was following up fast, attempting to kick at the ball which had been picked up practically from his toe by the Juventus goalkeeper. I blew my whistle, intending to give Juventus a free-kick, but immediately this action took place the Juventus goalkeeper commenced to punch Hakoah player Lachman. Lachman was more than content to try and defend himself from the attack and at no time attempted to return the punches.

Because of the crowd encroaching on the playing area during this incident and further nasty scenes taking place amongst players and spectators, it was some ten minutes before the playing field was cleared.

Upon the crowd dispersing, I called for the Juventus goalkeeper and asked him his name. On telling me that it was Tessari, I ordered him from the field of play because of his fighting.

The officials of both clubs did everything within their power to clear the field of play when spectators encroached. Approximately ten minutes before the final whistle, I awarded a free-kick to Juventus. Before the kick was taken a police patrol drove on to the field of play, and approached me, seeking particulars of both teams and myself. Yours faithfully, R. E. Ferrier, Referee.


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GIPPSLAND GLEANINGS

By HARRY BAYLEY

May I extend through "Soccer News" our very grateful thanks to Mr. F. McIver for his letter in the "News" last Saturday with reference to the Yallourn Club. It is very gratifying to read that at least one voice can be heard in the wilderness of soccer extolling the merits of the Yallourn Club. Mr. McIver certainly speaks with full knowledge and accuracy, as he was for a number of years a very strenuous worker on behalf of the Yallourn F.C. and local soccer in general.

I, too, often wonder if the metropolitan clubs have any idea just what expense the Yallourn club has to face each year. Mr. McIver mentioned only a few of them, and the recent adverse publicity they have received from the daily press, although terribly disheartening and irritating, has only stimulated our committee into still further efforts. The remarks passed by some of the spectators at the M.C.G. during the game, Victoria v. England, were also very encouraging. One gentleman who had the previous week journeyed from Melbourne to witness the Yallourn v. Brighton match, was extremely enthusiastic about the game. He expressed his opinion and said, "If that was the kind of football the Yallourn team provided, then they had nothing to be ashamed of." This gentleman was unaware that several officials of the Yallourn F.C. were within hearing distance. So to that gent., we say "Thank you."

But out of all this controversy of unfair tactics and faulty boot-stops, etc., there must be a humorous incident somewhere. I think this is it.

During my recent visit to Sunshine United, it was my sad privilege to partake in a minute's silence for one of their members who had passed on, and for whom the Yallourn F.C. wishes to express their sincere sympathy and regrets. The ceremony was carried out by the players of both sides lining up on the centre-line. This, of course, is a sad incident, but the humorous one follows. The match last Saturday between Yallourn Reserves and Park Rangers Reserves, the teams were similarly lined up and every one present began to ask in subdued voices: "Who's passed out?" Thank goodness it was nothing so sad. The parade was only a boot inspection. It was indeed, at least to me, very humorous to see 22 fit athletes skip away after each inspection. It reminded me of shearing time. One little lamb of the Yallourn side nearly missed out, but unfortunately he was a little longer than usual manicuring his finger nails.

But in all seriousness, I would suggest that such inspections be carried out in the dressing rooms prior to the game. Perhaps I'm easily amused, but for "boot-er" or worse, I'm like that.

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which the Australians were beaten to a standstill by 17-0, on a ground which Sydney newspapers admit was inches deep in mud, to find their way back to their hotel as best they could.

Sydney cricket-ground is not a few hundred yards from the city. It is a matter of miles. As transport was at a premium after the game, they walked all the way. Mr. Thomas, our delegate, we understand, spoke in no uncertain manner to our neighbours regarding this matter. We are not aware of the actual expressions Mr. Thomas used, but we trust that one of them was the one we are about to use: "It stinks."

Owing to the enormous amount of copy sent in this week, we regret that we have had to hold some articles over to next week.

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Secretary's Notes

Sir.—I am instructed by my Council to issue the following official statement and trust that your paper will be kind enough to publish same.

During the match Juventus v. Hakoah J.R.C., June 23, 1951, at Royal Park, police were called to the ground by a spectator. In connection with the above the following statement appeared in a Melbourne newspaper on Tuesday, June 26, 1951:

"A V.A.S.F.A. spokesman last night said that it was 'about time National teams were outlawed in Victorian Soccer.'"

The Council of the V.A.S.F.A. wish it to be known that no such statement was made by any member of Council and that the statement is totally incorrect and damaging to Soccer in general.

S. BEATON, Sec. V.A.S.F.A.

WORLD CUP

Ireland's team to play Israel on Sunday, July 8 at Royal Park, Ground 4, is as follows:—

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| P. Bryan (Coburg) | J. Rogers (Ulsterville) | T. Brown (Ulsterville) | H. Rice (Geelong Harvester) |
| A. N. Other | J. Finlay (Ulsterville) | A. Brunagh (U'ville) | Dixon T. Managh (Coburg) (U'ville) |
| T. Simmons (U'ville) | P. Mulcahy (P. Rangers) | A. Brunagh (U'ville) | Dixon T. Managh (Coburg) (U'ville) |

Reserves: R. Weatherall, B. Cairns, J. Murray, K. Clonley, S. Hewberry. All players will report at the ground not later than 2.15 p.m. sharp. S. Carnduff, J. Smith, Green Shamrock.

ISRAEL TEAM

The Israel team in the Sunday soccer match in the World Cup Competition against Ireland will be selected from: Lester, Peters, Gatesman, Haaburger, Marks (Hakoah J.R.C.); Jakubowich, Migdalik, Goldfarb, Wrobel, Gold, Glateer, Kewzner, Bokeuglick, Fishman, Tibo and Zewski (Maccabi J.S.C.).

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By REX BENSON

**FLEWIN'S SWAN-SONG**

A one-club man, Reg Flewin, joined the Portsmouth ground staff at the age of 15, signed professional forms two years later, and now at the age of 30 is expected to take over the position of assistant manager on his return from Australia. Club president is Lord Montgomery.

MATCH TIED — REFEREE KILLED

Two clubs at Fidelia, State of Rio, Brazil, waged a football game which ended a tie. In fact, the referee was killed and ten players—five of either team—were injured by bullets which rendered the result of the game equitably balanced, neither club having any motive for complaint. **THE REFEREE WAS GIVEN A FIRST-CLASS BURIAL.**

"LOST CAP" AND CUP MEDAL

Alan Brown, Blackpool inside-left, received a ligament injury near the end of last season. In the space of two weeks he had to drop out of the Scottish team at Wembley, and the Cup final against Newcastle.

AUSTRIANS "GO NAP" AGAINST HIBS.

Hibernians, runaway Scottish League champions, were beaten 5-3 in a Festival of Britain game by Rapide, an Austrian club team.

THAT BILLIARD TABLE

Critics of the fact that local boys do not get sufficient places in State sides should realise that until our lads can be taught soccer on good flat turf they cannot hope to learn proper ball control. Clubs which have difficulty with local councils on this matter might well be advised to follow the lead of Sandringham City. Three years ago it paid £200 towards the cost of surfacing Olive Street Reserve.

QUIZ

Full-back takes free kick for off-side. With aid of strong wind ball beats all the players and goes into goal. Is it a goal?

Answer: No. Another case of an indirect free kick from which a goal cannot be scored direct.

WAITED A LONG TIME

Leslie Compton, Arsenal centre-half (brother of the famous Denis), was 38 when receiving his first international cap.

ESPRIT DE CORPS

In view of the fact that Western Australia will not see the English "tourists," "Soccer News" has offered to loan all blocks of its action shots at M.C.G. and Richmond to W.A.'s "Soccer Mail."

MONKEY-GLANDS?

Billy Meredith, most famous of all Welsh left-wingers, played in a Cup-tie for Manchester United while in his 51st year. They do not last so long these days.

QUICK "SHOOTING"

How many noticed, in the excellent action photos at the M.C.G., that Frank Waghorn obtained shots of Sewell, both taking, and scoring, a penalty? Could only have been seconds between the run up and the ball entering the goal. No wonder "fans" are saying that "Soccer News" has the best Soccer Press photographer in Victoria.

A CONVERT

Interested spectator at the first soccer Test was Dr. Evatt, patron of Rugby.

APOLOGY

I must apologise for an error in this column last week regarding the Flinders-University game. The scores in the Press on Saturday were given as University 5, F.N.D. 1, when the reverse was actually the case. I regret this column was already in the printer's hands on Monday and that the wrong result was in slipped my memory. —EDITOR.

DO IT NOW

By ALEX JARVIS

Following publication of my article, "Local and Imported," I was pleased to see the letter from Mr. Robert Thomas and the articles by Mr. Drennan, senr., and Mr. Guthrie in your issue of "Soccer News" dated June 16. This indicates that at least it has created some interest and food for thought.

Where is the incentive to Australian youth to play Soccer when only two local players were selected to play against England, and only two local players were in the Victorian team to visit South Australia? What has happened to our promising interstate juniors of the last three or four years? Do they hold places in senior teams or have they been edged out as Mr. R. Thomas suggests?

It was most noticeable in the State trials that when selected players did not play owing to injury, some "has beens" and others with no chance of selection were played. I think the State selectors could have set an example and selected a number of younger players to be in attendance to fill any vacancies. Such players then would realise that they were receiving encouragement from the selectors.

If the best of our younger players are not good enough for higher honors we can blame our lack of a coaching scheme to assist them to attain a higher standard of ability. The articles by Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Drennan, senr., and Mr. R. Thomas show that some soccer enthusiasts are alive to our weaknesses and the remedies for them.

I agree entirely with Mr. Drennan's idea regarding the coaching of juniors, provided that the senior association accepts the responsibility for the financial arrangements (from the Propaganda Fund) and the organisation and control of the scheme. It will be the senior body and senior clubs which will ultimately derive most benefit from the results of the scheme. I might mention that I wrote two articles during the last two seasons advocating that some type of coaching scheme be considered, but so far not one of our administrators in either the senior or junior association has seen fit to follow the matter up.

Regarding overseas players, I consider that most of them have three or four years' football left. They put nothing back into the game when their playing days are over, as past experience shows. Therefore it is better for clubs to foster their junior players who have 10 years' football ahead of them and to encourage any scheme which will assist these boys to make the grade as first-class players. Following on the recent visit of the English team, let us start some coaching scheme NOW—one that will show some tangible results by the time they are due here again in about two years' time.

In regard to the forming of new clubs, I would point out that at Box Hill we already have three senior teams. Every week we still have enquiries from new players and we could run four teams if grounds were available and we accepted all players. This indicates that there are sufficient players and scope for further new clubs in the eastern suburbs which no doubt will come in due course.

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Letters To The Editor

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Sir.—I wish to inform you that the match with Royal Caledonians could not be played because of the absence of goal posts. Both teams attended. Yours, etc., D. ELLIS, Macedonian Soccer Club.

Sir.—The question of National teams, yes or no, is well to the fore these days and the future of soccer in Victoria depends on the policy our Association adopts.

If nationalism, sectarianism and resulting articles in the "Sporting Globe" are the outcome of incidents engineered by poor sportsmanship on the part of followers of "national" teams, then I say NO to national teams. I have often discussed the possibility of building local suburban, well established clubs with newcomers, rather than creating countless small, struggling clubs. Imagine 15 or 20 big clubs with many teams each, good facilities, coaching, big followings, etc. That should be the tendency to my mind and must eventually do away with many unfortunate features of today. And when you say: "We'll lose followers!" well, I'm not so sure. So for the good of the code and juniors in particular, fewer and bigger clubs on a suburban basis will really start building soccer here. As a Hakoah player of many years, I expect a shower of bricks for these ideas, but as ever: the game comes first. —Yours, etc., FRANK WERTHER, Hakoah J.R.C.

Sir.—In view of the statements in the Press regarding the conduct of the so-called "National Teams," I crave space to champion their cause. As I have previously written, I think these teams are an influence for good in the game; their supporters are very enthusiastic, and if they occasionally get over-exuberant, the league management committee has ample powers to deal with them, or, indeed, with any club. I have met hundreds of these people, and have found that, irrespective of whether they come from Iceland or Timbuctoo, we meet on common ground in our love of soccer.

The crux of the matter is that their followers are so numerous that it is a difficult matter to control them in open parks; surely the answer is to provide facilities for the crowds, which have outgrown the powers of the administration to cope with. To talk about outlawing these clubs is ridiculous; control them by all means, but use their enthusiasm to boost the game, not retard it.

It leaves me cold when I read of the "Rules" people putting a halo round their heads and saying: "Are not these new Australians naughty boys?" when there happens to be a bit of a rumpus, especially in view of the incidents every week at the various league and association grounds. Yours, etc., H. V. ROSE.

COMING EVENTS

With the rapidly approaching finish of the 3rd and 4th Divisions League competitions, the Cup contest for teams in these two leagues will give an inkling as to form for the Dockerty Cup (Victoria's highest soccer honor). Dame Rumor has it that "Dock's Pot" might finish up in a lower division than history has previously recorded.

It would seem that the well-known coin, two bob, is becoming better known in soccer circles. Its appearance in collection boxes is undoubtedly increasing. There are still many of us, however, who do not seem to realise that the "brown" season is now closed. Pennies do not buy many guernseys, pay many bus fares, or provide rent and upkeep of grounds, etc. Ninety minutes of thrills for two bob (1/4 per hour). Cheap!! Eh!! So stick the little shining round silver coin, that says two shillings on it, in the box when it comes round. This club needs your dough!

Club Jottings

BRIGHTON

Is the Brighton Club getting a raw deal from the association? I shall leave the reader to judge. Last season this club invited Metters from New South Wales to Victoria in an effort to foster interstate visits and to give Victorians a chance to see the New South Welshmen in action. Brighton had to return the visit this season, but the Association said no visits had to be made this year, so it was regrettably postponed. We were then informed that Mr. Thomas had been granted permission to take a private team to New Zealand and that he had invited eight of the Brighton players, and they had accepted. As the reader will guess this was a blow to the officials and supporters of Brighton. These players were going to miss the last two League games and the first two rounds of the Cup, so it was decided to write asking for postponement of the League games, but this was refused. Judge our surprise when last week F.M.D. asked for and were granted postponement of three games from their League fixtures. We do not ask for preferential treatment or we do not ask because we have a chance to win the League, but surely we are entitled to the same consideration as any other club. It was the Association which gave permission for the visit to New Zealand to take place during the season. —ALEX MAC.

Brighton thirds, in a gruelling match were narrowly beaten by South Yarra, 4-3. Brighton in the first half seemed to have the edge over its opponents, and after 30 minutes' play Hansel, a newcomer to the team, scored the first goal. Two minutes before half-time, South Yarra equalised with a beautiful goal, shot from the edge of the goal area.

For the first part of the second half, South Yarra was on top, and its forwards put on 3 goals. Brighton rallied and scored 2 goals.

Dave Brash and J. Telford, Brighton backs, played good football and if they had had more support from the half-backs, the result would have been different.

Once again J. Wake's anticipation saved Brighton, and his passes to right-winger, Harry Drago, were put to good use and more than once Brighton was unlucky not to score.

We wish to thank South Yarra for a good, clean game which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

FIFERS

Well fellows, there isn't much time left to get away from the foot of the table, but we have full confidence that you will do it. Last Saturday's showing wasn't nearly your best and until you return to your old team spirit days, you'll be struggling.

A different type of struggling is going on in the Reserves, with players fighting for a place in the team. Here's a real example of team spirit here, for which full credit must go to manager, Dave West. Dave travels everywhere with the boys and is never afraid to strip for a game if necessary.

A general meeting has been called for tomorrow, Sunday. There's a lot of business on hand and we want to open promptly at 7.30 in the club rooms.

Let's see what you can do today boys and come back with full points. Good luck to both teams.

FLINDERS NAVAL DEPOT

They say that it's better late than never. We're late, but we would like to let you know how we are getting on. We have had a hard job this year to scrape up two teams. We haven't been able to field the same team twice.

The season began with very few of last season's stalwarts left and we had to build new teams. This was not easy. Just as we were getting a good combination going a player would be posted to one of H.M.A.S. ships. However, we are doing well and if we do lose the boys take it in a sportsmanship manner.

Last Saturday week we entertained University and after a very fast game the boys won, 5-0. It was good to see them win again after losing the last few matches. Good shooting, boys and keep it up.

Sunday was a big day. We entertained the "Kangaroos" (Mr. W. R. Thomas's invitation team to tour New Zealand at the end of the month). We were able to field the strongest team of the season and after a clean, fast game we were beaten, 3-1.

If the "Kangaroos" play football like they did in the second half, then the New Zealand province teams that they meet will have a very hard tour on their hands. Thank you, "Kangas."

After the game drinks and sandwiches were served and we were sorry to see such a fine sporting party of people leave us. I could have sat there all night. It is a day we won't forget for a long time. Once again we say to you, "Kangaroos." Good luck and happy hunting in New Zealand.—BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

FRANKSTON

Last Saturday, Frankston continued on its winning way with a 7 goals to 1 victory over Balwyn United.

The game was not up to the usual standard but I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Balwyn for a very sporting game.

Frankston goalscorers were: C. Davenport (3), P. Stennett (2), G. Keen, and J. Herdman.

We had teas available on the ground for the first time this season, and they were a real success.

Our last dance was a huge success and the crowd of folk who attended voted it the best to date. Watch for the date of our next grand dance.

We are also going ahead with an end-of-the-season Ball which we hope to make a Fancy Dress Ball. Watch out for further dope on this.

At last we have received permission to go ahead with our plans to run a social club weekly. Details are still to be finalised. I am changing my address to 38 Cranbourne Road, Frankston. —P. IMS.

J.U.S.T.

J.U.S.T. visited Moreland and brought away two well-earned and valuable points. Two of the best players (C. Roubel, outside-right and B. Doheuz, right-back) were incapacitated. In defeating Moreland 3-0, on its home ground, in a very fast and exciting game, play was very even until almost half time, when outside-left, Tolway, scored. In the second half, Moreland came out fighting fit, especially its defence with E. Heath and T. Kennedy. Moreland's forward line on several occasions invaded J.U.S.T.'s goal area and sent in many hard and dangerous shots. Dohnel undoubtedly saved the day with his gallant play. His disposing of the ball before Moreland's forwards could intercept was excellent. (His play is as good as his looks — ask any of the female spectators.) Moreland's forwards main mistake was they supported their defence too much. R. Ristic (inside-right) supplemented Roubel, and proved his worth by scoring two goals. I would like to compliment the rest of J.U.S.T. players. They really were playing their old style of soccer. I would like to praise the fair and good refereeing of Mr. G. Gath. In particular, we want to thank Moreland's ladies committee on their half-time "cuppa." A good afternoon of soccer was enjoyed by all. —IVAN KOKETZ.

JUVENTUS

Last Saturday, both Juventus teams had good wins against University, but the Reserves seemed to have outdone themselves by chalking up eleven goals. After the games, both teams commented on the fine sportsmanship and fight-to-the-finish character of the students.

On Sunday, July 15, Juventus will meet Box Hill at Olympic Park. All clubs are invited to come along. The proceeds are in aid of a Box Hill player who was seriously injured early in the season.

Si porta a conoscenza degli sportivi italiani che Domenica 15 Luglio all' Olympic Park ci sera' un incontro amichevole . . . Juventus — Box Hill.

E. C. SARTORI.

MACCABI

Maccabi gained a victory, 2-1, over Slavia last Saturday. Both teams played a good, clean soccer game. Goalscorers for Maccabi were Gold and Goldfarb.

Thanks to the Referee, Mr. J. Martin, for his experienced refereeing on a hard game without any accidents. —S. RUBINSTEIN.

PARK RANGERS

For the home game against Footscray City, the Rangers displayed improved team work, especially in attack, and thoroughly deserved the 5-0 victory. With the forwards showing better form, the defence displayed greater confidence, and generally kept the City front line in check. The City goalie and backs were overworked but put up a great fight. The forwards could not maintain pressure on the home goal area for any length of time and Weight (P.R.) had an easy afternoon compared with Baker (F.C.).

Rangers scored through Gillis and Holder before half-time. After half-time the home team notched three more through Gillis and Wilson (2), without any serious challenge from the visitors.

These two points should encourage Rangers in their efforts to escape relegation at the end of the season. Best players were Lynn, Guy, Gillis and Howieson for Rangers, while Lawrie, Dawson and Kerr did well for Footscray.

PRAHRAN

A jubilant bus-load of Prahran players and supporters sang their way back to Melbourne last Saturday after defeating the apparently invincible Yallourn by six goals to nothing. Excellent defensive play by Barbour and Parvin and some excellent saves by Ashworth enabled Prahran to withstand the home team's vigorous early attacks and a strong shot by Cormack off a pass from Ron Taylor, late in the first half, gave a one goal lead at half-time. In the second half, Prahran played inspired football, resisted all attacks, and added five more goals, including one which resulted from a Sewell-like solo dash by Ron Taylor.

Popular secretary, Wally Tunn, who has been seriously ill for some weeks, is now, we are pleased to report, well on the way to recovery. Prahran's spectacular win at Yallourn did him a world of good and went a long way to compensating him for the disappointment of missing the English tourists.

PRESTON

Although defeated by Hakoah, the play of Preston's back lines was grand, especially the ballet-like display by Rackhan in saving a goal that "brought down the house." The applause by Hakoah's supporters when Lupton returned to the field was appreciated. A party of 70 boys from Preston Technical school was at the Wednesday match, England v. Victoria, and this augurs well for soccer in a stronghold of Australian Rules. In plans to advance soccer in the district, the club seeks help from all interested folk. —V. HAYES, 616 Murray Road, West Preston.

SANDRINGHAM CITY

At Sunshine the first team went down to Sunshine United 11-0. The Sandringham captain, Don Bingham, was injured and had to leave the field after about 10 minutes play and took no further part in the game.

Reserves v. Sunshine United Reserves at Olive Street Reserve, was won by Sunshine United 8-0.

The Juniors replayed Cup Tie Under 19 with Juventus was won by Sandringham City, 2-1. It was a hard, fast and clean game, and was well handled by Referee J. D. G. Marsh.

The Under 17 game against the Army Apprentices was cancelled owing to the Army vacation period.

The Under 14 v. Park Rangers match at Olive Street Reserve was a bright exhibition by both teams and was won by Park Rangers, 2-1. —"SALOPIAN."

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED

The first XI had another good win, 3-1 over Fifers. This makes three games won in succession, and shows the fruits of improved form plus energetic coaching. The Reserves had a first but well-earned victory. After being down 2-1 at half-time, it rallied to win 3-2 in a hectic finish.

Under 19 defeated Preston 2-1 after extra time in the Junior Cup. Although playing with 10 all the game, these boys played very well, every one playing hard to make up the shortage in strength. Stiles and Denny scored goals. James, Simpson, Taylor and Riddell played a good game.

Under 17 defeated Coburg 1-0.

Under 15 defeated Moreland 8-0 in the Liston Cup contest.

Under 14A defeated Brighton 8-0. Under 14B lost at Moorabbin 1-0. Playing with only eight, these boys are going to make the grade in the future. June 30 was a good day for South as it had six winning teams with only one defeat. —A. CULF.

SOUTH YARRA

Box Hill, by defeating South Yarra 4-1, was faster to the ball, and Hillmen made the most of opportunities. McFeeters opened the account for Box Hill a few minutes after the start of the game and Overall put the Hill further ahead. Yarra attacked but the finishing of the forward line left a lot to be desired and numerous chances were missed. Half-time, Box Hill 2, South Yarra 0.

Box Hill increased its lead when Gauci, with a grand shot, beat Reynolds to put them 3 goals ahead. Yarra was granted a penalty, but A. Goddard saved and made a splendid clearance. Bolton got Yarra's only goal by persistence and determination. He was a worry to the Box Hill defence all through the second half. Yarra defence made a mistake and Overall following up, got the fourth goal for Box Hill.

South Yarra First Reserves beat Box Hill Reserves 4-1. Scorers for Yarra: Moores (3), Lamb, Holborn got Box Hill's goal.

South Yarra Third Reserves, playing Brighton Reserves at Fawkner Park obtained full points, 4-3. Scorers for Yarra: Knott (2), Naylor, Murdoch.

South Yarra Juniors Under 17 defeated Box Hill 2-0. Scorers: Pepper, Storer. —W. E. BINYON.

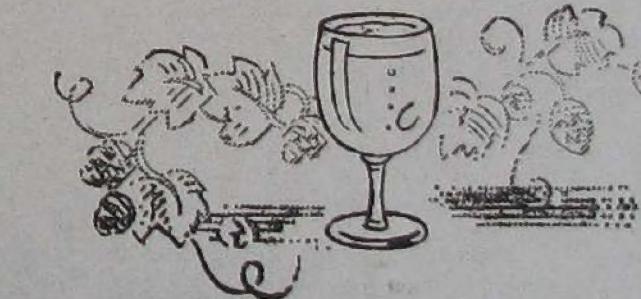
ULLSTERVILLE

Ullsterville is the first team to take a point from the fine Polonia. J. Managh, who was not fully recovered from a leg injury, played. Most of the credit goes to the defence, which was outstanding, but the whole team showed the "Irish" spirit and determination. Thanks Polonia for a hard, sporting game.

We welcome Mrs. Andrew, mother of one of our members, and family. We hope she settles down in this great country.

The ladies' committee is making preparation for the forthcoming dance.

After watching the game last Saturday, all will agree that the standard of the game was worth at least two bob. Now, supporters, don't forget the "Box" at the next home match. —RED HAND.



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THE COACH SAYS

WHEN PLAYING AS GOALKEEPER,
KNOW HOW TO CATCH THE BALL

Sam Bartram, the English goalkeeper, demonstrated to us the correct way to catch the ball. The easiest shot to catch is the one straight at your stomach. Break the force of the ball by taking it in your hands and guiding it to your stomach.

When the ball is high or to the side of you, aim at catching it rather than turning over or round the posts. If it is a high shot, take care to "claw" it down from above rather than have your hands moving upwards to catch it; also have your thumbs spread out behind the ball to prevent its forcing its way through.

One of the reasons why I advocate "clawing" the ball down is that you should try to take it to your stomach as quickly as possible, and if you are clawing it down, it is already on the move in that direction. When you are clutching the ball to your stomach, you have it under safer control than when you are holding it at arm's length. Another reason for "clawing down" is that your hands are moving upwards when you catch the ball, the force of the shot may bend your hands back and allow the ball to drop into goal.

Catching the ball when falling sideways was demonstrated perfectly by the Victorian goalkeeper, Steve Czaderna, when he played against the Englishmen at the M.C.G. If you were there you noticed that he took the ball on his chest or stomach and hugged it to him. This usually occurs when you have fallen for the ball which then comes nearer to you than you expected, and at a height of about 2 feet from the ground. The "Argus" Magazine of June 8, this year, portrayed this much better than I can describe. If you haven't yet seen it, my advice to you young goalkeepers is to buy that picture.

You should regard all centres and corners in the goal area as yours. Naturally there will be some which you cannot reach, then you should stay in your goal and position yourself for the header shot which is almost bound to come. But if you start off with the idea that you should cut off all centres and corners in the goal area, you will be working on the right lines, thereby saving yourself and your side a lot of dangerous situations. For moving to cut out centres, start as for corner kicks, so that you are running forward to meet the ball rather than attempting to catch it tottering backwards.

As in every position on the soccer field, the one golden rule applies to you: "Keep your eye on the ball," but in no phase of any game does it apply with more compelling force than that of a goalkeeper going out to catch a ball amongst a crowd of players. He has many temptations to take his eye off the ball, for there are obstacles in his way to the ball in the shape of well meaning defenders and hostilely-disposed attackers. You must resist the temptation to think or look at anyone else. You know where they are out of the corner of your eye, and your only real thought and intention must be catch the ball.

Safety first must be your motto, and, although it is sound and spectacular, too, to catch high shots and centres, there are moments and situations when it is better to tip them over the bar or push them round the post.

There is so much more I can write about goalkeeping that I think I will ask the Editor's indulgence to continue it next week.

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UNDER 19 YEARS TRIAL

This game will be a curtain-raiser to the Juventus v. Box Hill at Olympic Park Oval on Sunday, July 15. The start will take place at the oval at 1.30 sharp.

Probables: Color, Blue and White

Jarman (Goal), Silver (R.B.), Gabel (L.B.), Cullen (R.H.), Campama (C.H.), Peachey (L.H.), Denny (O.R.), Martini (L.R.), Pepper (C.), James (L.L.), Worthington (O.L.).

Reserves: Harvey, Simpson, Jordon.

Possibles: Color, Black

Pritchard (Goal), Schofield (R.B.), Baker (L.B.), Traynor (R.H.), Dixon (C.H.), Hirst (L.H.), Gribben (O.R.), Hare (C.), Styles (L.L.), William (O.L.).

Reserves: Bohem, Rennie, Patrick.

The selectors will pick from these two sides the team to play South Australia in Victoria on the second week in August for the Skolnik Cup. In the meantime, the Under 19 team will play reserve and senior teams for practice matches on Sundays. Any teams who wish to play a game on Sundays against the Under 19 years, contact me.

The Under 17 years trial game for Sunday, July 8, at Yarra Park, at 1 o'clock sharp. Selected players are as follows:

Probables: McEwen, Hart, Hartley, Roberts, McIver, Bradshaw, Rennie, Eastway, Patrick, McKenzie, Cousins, Cleeworth, Robinson.

Possibles: Wilson, Bowman, Jardine, Traynor, McCartney, McColl, Gilmour, Finley, Sullivan, Pirotto, Costello, Sturer, Dolton.

Those selected from these sides will form the team going to Gippsland to play (most likely) at Heyfield. —J. McCARTHY, 51 Linsey Street, Coburg.

UNDER 14 TRIALS—Sunday, July 8, 1951

Commencing at 10.30 a.m. opposite Olympic Park. The following boys are requested to attend:

Timbrell
(Moorabbin)

Farahay
(Brighton)

McLean
(South Melb.)

Edwards
(S'shine City)

Armstrong
(S'shine Utd.)

Huckvale
(Coburg) Tindell
(Brighton)

Bret-Young
(Park Rangers)

Baker
(S'shine City)

Roy
(Coburg)

Goode
(Brighton)

Bomford
(Ringwood)

Wallace
(Sth. Yarra)

Holman
(S'hine City) Brown
(Brighton)

Moulton
(South Melb.)

Aspinall
(S'hine City)

Reserves: Seedy (South Yarra), Pepper (Northcote), Hocking (South Melbourn).

Clubs intending to nominate boys for Junior trials are reminded to forward names and positions to Mr. A. Scott (chairman of Selectors), 57 Durrant Street, North Brighton, by first post Tuesday.

The Second Test Match (Continued From Page 3)

There is no answer in Australia to this English team. For future tours it would be a great advantage if the Australian council could afford to:

1. Have professional coaches from Britain;

2. Assemble about 18 players before the first Test and keep them together throughout the tour;

3. A qualified masseur to attend to the fitness of players;

4. A tour manager, who will see that the needs of players are catered for, and relieve the captain of all off-the-field responsibilities.